



# FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

## Operations Committee Meeting January 13, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. † Zoom Meeting Minutes

*PLEASE NOTE: For public access instructions and opportunities for public comments, please contact [tfrazier@fcoe.org](mailto:tfrazier@fcoe.org) or (559) 265-3049 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2022. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.*

- I. Call to Order** T. Frazier  
The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- II. Introductions** T. Frazier
- III. \*Adoption of Agenda** T. Frazier  
C. Schreiner/ J. Wiens
- IV. Community Input**  
*The public may address the Fresno County SELPA Policy Committee pursuant to established procedures and will have up to three minutes to do so. No action shall be taken (E.C. 35145.5). Members of the public who have a disability in need of a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the Operations Committee meeting may contact the Operations Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.*
- V. \*Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2021** T. Frazier  
C. Schreiner/ J. Wiens
- VI. Standing Committee Reports** T. Frazier  
1. **Executive Committee**  
2. **SGC Committee**
- VII. Information and Reports** T. Frazier  
**A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information**  
1. **Fiscal Update**  
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared that the Governor's proposal includes a \$500 million-dollar onetime funding to support inclusive early education expansion programs. There is a 5.33 percent cost-of-living adjustment. The budget also proposes an additional \$500 million-dollar ongoing fund to increase the special education funding formula. It was recommended to amend the special education funding formula to calculate special education base funding allocations at the Local Educational Agency level rather than the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) level. Trina added that the policy revision could change allocations for LEAs. It was proposed to consolidate the two special education extraordinary cost pools into a single cost pool to simplify the current funding formula. Also proposed, is the allocation of Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) funding

directly to LEAs rather than to SELPAs. Proposal to develop a Special Education Addendum to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) that will support inclusive planning and promote cohesion by linking special education and general education planning, so parents of students with disabilities have a defined role in the LCAP development process. Trina informed the committee regarding the WestEd report that was released and included an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) template. Trina shared there were concerns about the template not meeting Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Governor’s proposal states that they support the efforts of the development of the statewide IEP template but that they will establish an expert panel to further evaluate the template. A workgroup will also be established to explore the alternative coursework options for the completion of graduation requirements.

2. **Legislative Update**

Trina discussed with the committee support for Portantino’s Enrollment-Based Funding Bill for K-12 Schools, SB 830. The measure will determine supplemental funding for K-12 schools based on the daily average student enrollment numbers. The Governor’s executive order in waiving the certain limitations for retirees from returning to work without impacting their retirement benefits, has been extended and is effective until March 31, 2022.

3. **First Student Meeting Update**

Notification was received from First Student regarding a benefit package for their employees to compensate for the shortage of drivers. The shortage of drivers has impacted bus routes and student drop off times. First Student has proposed a 16 percent increase to the contract to increase to a six-hour day as well as a pay increase for their employees. Fresno County SELPA will be working with Fresno Unified to align with their plan to move forward in the negotiation process.

**B. FCSS Operated Program Updates**

C. Borges

1. **\*Class Loading**

Chris Borges, **Executive Director of Special Education**, reviewed the handout titled “2021-22 Class Loading” as of January 7, 2022. She reported the enrollment numbers are as follows: 394 students within the Extensive Support Needs (ESN) program, 106 students for the CIRCLE and PIP programs, 76 students for TIES, and 44 students for DHH, totaling 608 students. There are 21 students enrolled in Non-Public Schools (NPS). We currently have 62 open referrals.

2. **\*Percentage of Students Served**

Chris reviewed the handout titled “Students Served in County- Operated Programs by District of Residence”. The spreadsheet displays the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA and the percentage of enrollment in county-operated programs including NPS.

3. **Updates**

Chris informed the committee that there will be two additional classrooms for the next school year. Concerns on staffing the new classrooms have been discussed with superintendents. There has been an increased amount of non-operating classrooms due to COVID related absences of teachers and students.

- C. Funding Allocation Update for 2021-22, Quarter 2** E. Davidson  
Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, shared that the Funding Allocation Update for 2021-22, Quarter 2 report will be released on January 15, 2022, and will be shared with districts. There are no material changes. The IDEA grant award notice for the 2021-2022 has not been received and estimates will be used.
- D. Transportation Billback Update for 2021-22, Quarter 2** E. Davidson  
Eddie provided a breakdown of the proposed rate increase for transportation costs. Eddie explained that although the rate increases by 19.5 percent, because of the static revenue offset, it is a 25 percent increase as a cost per billback. There has been consideration of looking into other vendors or options.
- E. Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2021-22, Due 1/31/22** E. Davidson  
Eddie reminded the committee that the Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2021-22 is due on January 30, 2022.
- F. \*Claims Review for 2020-2021 Update** E. Davidson  
Eddie reviewed the handout titled “Claims Review for 2020-2021 Update”. Eddie explained that there were nine legal claims for a total claim amount of \$161,019.00. There were over 30 NPS/NPA claims for a total amount of \$1,196,287. The claims were approved and will be allocated to the members that filed a claim.
- G. SEIS/CALPADS** R. Chachere
1. **SEIS/CALPADS**  
Romy Chachere, SELPA Compliance Officer, reminded the committee of the January 28, 2022 deadline for the LEA and SELPA CALPADS Fall 1 certification.
  2. **Monitor and Compliance Reporting**
    - a) **Special Education Plan**  
Romy shared that we are waiting on the annual performance report that should be available at the end of the month. Romy added that the only updated data will be within the discipline category.
    - b) **Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality**  
The annual performance report will include disproportionality information. There is one district that is going through significant disproportionality and has submitted their CCEIS plan to CDE.
    - c) **Local Plan- Updated Assurance Form**  
Romy shared that there is an updated assurance form and submission has been extended for 2023. Access to the draft should be available within this school year and will align with the requirements for the LCAP consultation with SELPA and the districts.
- H. Professional Development** R. Chachere  
Romy informed the committee that there is an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) scheduled for March 17-18, 2022. There is a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training through California Department of Education (CDE) that is scheduled for February 3, 2022. Jennifer Rowe-Gonzalez reviewed the topics for four upcoming spring workshops.

**I. Community Advisory Committee**

R. Chachere

Romy sent out a survey link for CAC meeting topics prior to the winter break. The link will remain open for submissions through the end of January 2022.

**J. LCAP**

M. Baker/D. Budd

Dana Budd informed the committee that LCAP and the Compliance department are hosting their annual spring three-part workshop series beginning in February 2022. The flyer will be shared by Romy for any districts who may be interested in attending. Dana will be working with Romy to provide office hours and provide additional support in all things Special Education within LCAP.

**VIII. Hot Topics**

T. Frazier

Jennifer reviewed the OAH document regarding half day remediation if requested by all parties.

**IX. Future Agenda Items/Updates**

T. Frazier

None.

**X. Next Operations Committee Meeting, February 17, 2022, via Zoom**

T. Frazier

**XI. Adjournment**

T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.